

kicking around and unfortunately have not been able to solve as of yet. So with that I would ask you to please reconsider the issue.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Don Wesely, then Senator Lamb.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members, I would urge you to allow this bill to remain buried deep within the confines of the lost causes here on the floor of the Legislature. It appears to me that revival of this bill will again start up the discussion that took us many days, if you remember, of back and forth negotiations and never ended up resolving the issue and never will. Senator Johnson talked about, well, we will try and find a medium ground, someplace where everybody can feel comfortable. But it is impossible with this legislation. It is because you are dealing with apples and oranges. You are dealing with two different types of property and I sent around an editorial from the Lincoln Journal that talks about that. You are dealing with homesteads. You are dealing with business property. You are dealing with agricultural property. Those three are separate classifications that have all been included under the rebate plan. But a rebate for a farm and a rebate for a business is a different sort of situation than a rebate for a home. And a rebate for those other properties much more high in value and much larger in terms of the rebate they would receive is not a fair approach to take. I have said before in the motion to kill that the one class of property that hasn't had the sort of tax relief that the other property has and the other interests have had has been the homeowner. The homeowner has had a very meager \$17 homestead exemption that was a repeal that hopefully will now be reinstated. But aside from that they have been virtually shut out of any opportunity to have tax relief. However, for the agricultural land owner we have had an ag land amendment, Amendment 4, and before that we have had the policy...could I have the attention, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker, could I have your attention, Mr. Speaker?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Not yet.

SENATOR WESELY: Could you ring that bell a couple of times? We will come out fighting and...there you go, Tom, you can do it. Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, it is early in the day but we do have before us LB 38 and I do think that we ought to reconsider a little bit the issue before us. LB 38